



MONTEREY NEWS

JUNE 1987



THE TOWN MEETING

In a remarkably cooperative mood the Monterey voters approved all of the financial expenditures recommended by the Town officers and listed in the May issue of the *News*. The only lengthy discussion was on the special article requesting the Town to survey West Road and determine who owns it, and to accept it as a Town road subject to Town maintenance. The issue of creating private roads and then expecting the Town to maintain them was discussed and Town Counsel Hugh C. Cowhig found that the passage of the second part of the article would be illegal until the first had been accomplished. There was much sympathy expressed for the difficult situation of the homeowners on West Road, but when it came to a vote on who should pay for the necessary survey, a small majority (37 to 29) felt that the homeowners themselves should do it.

The next nine articles on the warrant were passed over in turn at the recommendation of the selectmen. They were inserted on the warrant, like the West Road article, by petition, but none of the signers in this case felt strongly enough to speak in support of the articles. The vote in favor of passing over was almost unanimous in each instance.

The articles called for 1) restrictions on real estate dealers holding Town office that could create a conflict of interest; 2) a ban on realtors holding Town office making land transactions within the Town boundaries; 3) requiring notice of Town meetings to be 14 days, instead of 7 days, before such meetings; 4) mailing notices of Town meetings to all voters at least 14 days before such meetings; 5) requiring a 14-day "period for public comment" before any Town meeting considering a tax override; 6) requiring (in three articles) that the Town set up a recycling program at the Town dump, exempt cooperating residents from user fees, and set user fees only at Town meetings by vote; and 9) taking over West Road as a Town road.

The actions taken on all nine articles indicated that the voters considered some of the issues like waste disposal and the West Road problem to have been dealt with better earlier in the meeting and that they did not share the mistrust of the Town government felt by Mr. Glenn Heller, the initiator of the articles.

The only contest in the election was between three candidates for two new library trustee positions. Carol Sadlowski and Linda Thorpe received the mandate. In the uncontested elections all nominees received large votes of confidence with only a small scattering of write-ins proposing other candidates for four of the positions.

— David P. McAllester



SUSAN McALLESTER

Selectmen Jed Lipsky, Hans Kessler, and Matt Williams; Finance Committee members Barbara Gauthier and Nicholas Wool; and (back row) Town Treasurer Maryellen Brown, at the Annual Town Meeting on May 2.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON FEDERAL GUARD RAIL PROGRAM—JUNE 9

The Monterey Board of Selectmen are seeking public input on the board's desire to apply for federal funds to replace broken guard rails, install new guard rails and make other safety improvements to Routes 23 and 57.

The selectmen will hold an informational meeting on Tuesday, June 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Monterey Firehouse. This is a very important project, and the public is urged to attend, both to gain information and offer input.





SUSAN McALLESTER

Robert Palin, pianist; Anna Bourdon, cellist; and Dan Fenstermacher, violinist, after their concert at the Monterey Church on May 24.

MONTEREY CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES. Recently, a successful New York City impresario of chamber music concerts in the Berkshires offered to initiate a Concert Series featuring first-rate ensembles here in Monterey. The offer is extremely attractive and needs serious community support to make it work well. Anyone interested in participating or learning more—both Church friends and community residents—please come together on June 7, Sunday, from 9:15-10 a.m. at the Church. This could become a valuable service for many, in many ways.



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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sundays: 9:15-10:15 Discussion of the Sermon on the Mount. Matthew 5-7.

10:30-11:30 Morning Worship

Tuesday, June 2, Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m. at the home of Priscilla Gulliver

Wednesday, June 3, Agape Meal, 6:30-8:00 Potluck fellowship. Soups, breads/crackers, cheese.

Thursdays all through June, 8 a.m. at the Church. Meditation led by David Bach. All welcome.

Saturday, June 6, 9-4, Stockbridge Congregational Church, RETREAT; contact Priscilla Gulliver or Robert Palin for details. Bring bag lunch.

PENTECOST SUNDAY, June 7, Communion, Just Peace Offering, guest soloist, Evelyn Drake, mezzo soprano.

Parish Council, Monday, June 8, 7:30 p.m. at the Parsonage.

Deacons Meeting, Friday, June 12, 8:30 a.m. at the Parsonage.

Special Events: Sunday, June 21, Joan Boyer will lead the morning service of worship.

Friday-Sunday, June 12-14, 188th Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ at Mount Holyoke. The focus of the three-day meeting will be FAITH & ECONOMICS, the keynote speaker being Dr. Juliet Schor, Assistant Professor of Economics at Harvard University. The meeting examines and votes upon a number of resolutions and reports dealing with U. C. C. finances in the state, activities of conference staff, proposals supporting a Just Peace Covenant for Local Congregations, Health Clinics and Health Guidance & Counseling Services in Public Schools, Eradication of Racism in Our Society Today. Robert, Ray & Mary Ward, and Virginia Faesy plan to attend and will report on their experiences at the meeting. Robert will return Saturday evening to conduct morning worship here on June 14.

JUST PEACE OFFERING, June 7, Pentecost. U. C. C. churches across the nation will receive this offering to fund projects that aid in removing causes for violent conflict: causes like injustice, oppression, hunger, poverty, ignorance. In the last few months we have actively participated in projects to increase federal spending for the Supplemental Food Program for women, infants and children, to foster the nonviolent abolition of apartheid in South Africa, to support a South County plan for integrating a refugee family into our community, to examine the feasibility of providing housing for permanent Monterey residents commensurate with average local incomes. Twenty-five percent of the offering remains for our use here, 25% goes to projects sponsored by the state conference and 50% goes to national instrumentalities.

Judith Hauer, our contact person for Bread for the World, invites us to a discussion of a BFW Background Paper, "The Enterprising Poor" by Larry Hollar, policy analyst. That study group takes place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, at First Baptist Church, 88 South Street, Pittsfield. We'll carpool at the Church at 6 p.m.



VOX ED. A Montereyan Author, Alice Howell

Among Monterey's valuable resources are its authors, those special people whose talents are realized in published works. They are a bridge between our small village and the whole universe of communication by the written word. It is felicitous to be able to celebrate, in this column, the recent publication of Alice O. Howell's *Jungian Symbolism in Astrology*, a Quest Book under the imprint of the Theosophical Publishing House which has branches in Wheaton, Illinois; Madras, India; and London, England. Some of us had the good fortune to hear Alice discuss her book at the May Community Supper. Her ebullient good spirits and the lively wit with which she reviewed some of the tenets of the astrological understanding of life underscored her remark, "If you're interested in astrology you'll never have another bored moment in your life."

Jung's message to the world, like that of all great teachers, was "understand thyself." He called self-realization "individuation," and identified light and dark aspects of human nature which in proper balance make for wholeness but which in disharmony lead to depression, anxiety, and illness. In his worldwide study of myth, folklore, religions, and the arts he found motifs that appeared everywhere with such reliability that he considered them symbolic "archetypes" of the various parts of the human psyche. His idea of a "collective unconscious" is one of the great statements of the psychic unity of humankind. As in Freud's dictum that that which is repressed will return to haunt us, Jung considered that the suppression of any part of what we are would lead to illness and the recognition of our full selves would lead to effective living and good health.

What Alice Howell brings to this theory is a whole additional set of symbols from the ancient art/science of astrology. The signs of the Zodiac and their astrological interpretation gear in remarkably well with Jung's archetypes and focusses the system on the individual since no two people can possibly have the same astrological "chart." Needless to say, Alice's perception of these connections has created a wave of interest among Jungian theorists.

Readers of the *News* have enjoyed Alice Howell's philo-

logical column "Upon My Word." They will find in her new book many more unexpected illuminations from the dictionary, the thesaurus, the funny papers, science fiction, popular and classical music—in fact, from everywhere in the world around us since it all yields symbols. Of course, every word we use is a symbol: one of the best flashes of insight in Alice's book, for me, was at the beginning of the chapter, "Symbols As Bringing Together." "The word *symbol* comes from the Greek *sym-bolos*, which means to throw together or bring together. It has a very interesting antonym, *dia-bolos*, which means to throw apart or separate. And *diabolos*, of course, is the origin of our English word *devil* . . ." The book is a curriculum of bringing together, enormously valuable.

Don't expect an easy introduction to astrology or Jung. Neither subject is easy; in fact, a lifetime of study is not too much for either one. What is offered is an idea of the fascinating dimensions of both studies. The frequent use of unexplained terms is challenging. For example, we read of the significance of the location of planets in various "houses" of the Zodiac, but the astrological meaning of the term is not fully explained. Then one remembers that this is not a handbook, that if everything were explained there would have to be two thousand tion, and a delight. Local distributor is The New Spirit Bookstore.

— David P. McAllester

UPON MY WORD!

Have you ever wondered how some new words (neo-logisms) creep into a language? I have. Maybe they start in families, spread out to friends, and gradually into circulation. Here are three candidates all from one family:

- 1) *repumpitate*, v. as in "There is nothing like a cup o' tea to *repumpitate* a person!"
- 2) *flustrated*, adj. "Oh, I get so darn *flustrated* when I'm in a hurry and I can't find my keys!"
- 3) *cribble*, no. "No, I haven't got a cold. It's just a *cribble* in my throat."

This word, completely unbeknown to its user, actually once existed. It is now obsolete, but meant the bit of grain left over in a sieve. The perfect word.

Well, we all know how repumpitating it is to get back to Monterey!

— A. O. Howell



Alice Howell



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MONTEREY WASTELINES

There's a civic lull in Monterey these days: Town Meeting is over, summer is waiting—and the new Monterey solid waste transfer station procedures don't start until July 1. Arrangements are being made (ordering of stickers, printing forms and final details) for a good system; information and stickers should be available the latter part of June.

So, while the infamous barge from Long Island sails the coast with its 300 tons of homeless garbage, let's talk a bit about the Southern Berkshire effort to plan ahead for solid waste.

More than a year ago, Senator Peter Webber and other local leaders established the Southern Berkshire Solid Waste Committee, with an area of 14 towns in Berkshire County. A major goal of the Committee is to provide a large enough entity to launch an efficient and environmentally sensible program of solid waste disposal. Town landfills are filling up; new landfills are almost impossible to site for some good reasons and some less than good.

The two major possibilities for large-scale waste disposal these days, after you reject the old total landfilling method, are the mass-burning plant or a co-composting facility. The mass-burn plant is basically a huge incinerator. Gas is used to augment the fire, some pollution and crud is trapped before it gets into the outside air, and there is still quite a bit of ash to landfill. If you've heard about the Vicon plant in the Crane Co/Allendale area of Pittsfield, then you know where our nearest mass-burn facility is located.

The co-composting technology is a bit newer and more difficult to explain in a few words. Garbage and sewage sludge are mixed together, shredded and/or ground up (even ketchup bottles can be made into sand—the ketchup is free fertilizer!), then composted in rows, turned by special machines—it works better than most of our garden compost piles. There are some materials that won't compost very well with some co-composting systems, so you still need some landfill capacity. The finished compost makes good fertilizer or topsoil for many uses.

As you might expect, there is a debate between the folks who want to "burn it," and those who want to "rot it." Maybe we can talk about this debate another time, and quote Robert Frost, who said, "I hold with those who favor fire . . ." But, for now, the Southern Berkshire Solid Waste Committee is in the middle of a Commonwealth-assisted study of the co-composting option, and Committee chairman Gus Berkel, a story-telling former altar boy from Alford, is back from Florida vacation.

Things should be interesting around this project, as we start to get results from the co-composting study. I'm the Monterey representative on the Committee; meetings are held at the Great Barrington Town Hall monthly, first Thursday. Anyone interested should by all means attend those meetings.

— Wayne Burkhardt

WASTE DISPOSAL STICKERS


The Town of Monterey transfer station stickers for Fiscal Year 1988 (which begins July 1, 1987) will be available from Town Offices Secretary Maryellen Brown at the Town offices (open daily 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.).

If special arrangements are necessary, application forms will be available through the mail.

NEWSPAPER RECYCLING

Until the newspaper recycling shed is in place at the dump, people may bring *bundled* newspapers to Tall Pine Farm on Wellman Road. They will be stored indoors for pickup by the Sheffield Boy Scouts. Newspapers only, please, and neatly bundled.

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PERSONAL NOTES

Hearty congratulations to **Leigh and Wendy Tryon** of Tyringham Road on the birth of their second son, **Christopher Jason**. Born April 20 at the Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield, Christopher weighed in at a healthy 10 lbs. All's well, and he has joined five-year-old brother Shawn at home.

Paul and Estelle Gelbard have become grandparents. **Andrew Carl Gelbard** was born to their son **Arlen** and his wife, **Jane**. Congratulations to all four, and welcome to Andrew!

Welcome back to **Arthur and Alice Somers** of Rock Ridge, Tyringham Road. Arthur and Alice enjoyed five months of virtually endless sunshine and warmth in southern California and feared at first they might have come back just a wee bit too early. Well, the weather is improving, and it's great to see you both!

Maryellen, Douglas, and Jen Brown enjoyed April vacation visiting their mother/grandmother, **Mary Anglin**, in Fort Lauderdale. They enjoyed great weather and timed it perfectly (HA!), arriving home to the Berkshires the day before the snow. They certainly didn't want to miss that!

I, on the other hand, did miss the snow (so sad!) and enjoyed a few more days of perfectly gorgeous Florida weather with daughter **Michelle**. Michelle and I got together with three of my sisters down there, enjoying Orlando with Epcot, Disney, and Sea World, and also a couple of days swimming in a warm ocean at Delray Beach. We had perfect weather, and a no-less-than-wonderful time!

Carol Lewis of Hupi Road spent her April vacation in Russia, having earned the trip by entering a writing contest for teachers! Carol is an elementary teacher in Sharon, Connecticut, and was surprised and thrilled to win such a trip. Carol promises to have lots of slides to show and tales to tell.

Hearty congratulations to those Monterey students named to the honor roll list at Mt. Everett Regional High School for the third quarter. They are: *Grade 12, Honors: Michelle Grotz; Grade 11, Honors: Christopher Makuc and Janet Thieriot; Grade 10, High Honors: Shelby Loder; Grade 9, High Honors: Natasha Grotz and Anne Makuc; and Honors: Gabrielle Sherb*. Keep up the good work, all of you! Monterey is proud!

Glad to see **Ann McGinley**, Bonnie Prudden instructor, is back at it again and will be offering us all a chance to wake up from our winter naps and get in the swing (literally!). The full body workout is fun (believe it or not), and the program will start *ever* so slowly, so now's the time to give it a try. Mondays in June—watch or ask for details.

Congratulations to **Richard and Catherine Stauffer**, who recently returned from a week in Ixtapa-Zihuantanejo, Mexico. They were celebrating their fourth wedding anniversary. What an exciting way to mark such a pleasant event!

Very Happy Birthday wishes to **Cora Jay Baker**, who most enjoyed the colorful balloons presented to her on her first birthday, May 3, and to **Douglas Brown** on May 6. Congratulations also to Doug, who got his driver's license just a few days later!

David McAllester was honored on the occasion of his retirement with the publication, last month, of a Festschrift by some of his colleagues and former students. Entitled *Explora-*

tions in Ethnomusicology, Essays in Honor of David P. McAllester, and published by Information Coordinators, Inc., of Detroit, it was edited by **Charlotte J. Frisbie** and contains essays by 15 other anthropologists and ethnomusicologists and an autobiography by the honoree.

Sheila S. Intner, who teaches library and information science at Simmons College in Boston, recently published a new book titled *Circulation Policy in Academic, Public and School Libraries* (Greenwood Press). The book describes how library materials may be borrowed in a sampling of libraries throughout the U. S., with illustrations from many of them.

Mathew and Sheila also celebrated the arrival of a new granddaughter, **Rachel Marie Henry**, on April 11. Rachel and her big brother, **Jordan**, aged two, live in Kensington, Maryland.

We are saddened to learn of the death of **David Heimann**, age 18, son of **Herbert and Carol Heimann** of Larchmont, New York, and Lake Garfield, Monterey, on April 25. David died as a result of injuries sustained in an accident while at college in Albany, New York. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Special Olympics Fund, P. O. Box 2075, Peekskill, New York 10566.

We also extend our sympathy to **David Tryon Reed**, whose wife, **Vera**, died April 2. The burial will be at Hillside Cemetery in Torrington, Connecticut, during the week of June 8.

Welcome home to **Dick Tryon**, who was hustled off to the Berkshire Medical Center May 20 with a heart attack that was described as "mild" but was scary enough. He will be on a careful rehabilitation regime which will be a change of pace, indeed, for one of Monterey's most active farmers and Town officials.

Stephanie Grotz

— Stephanie Grotz

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MEMORIAL DAY INVOCATION

Lord God of all peoples on this earth, we remember this day the courageous men and women killed in battles to defend the principles of freedom and justice for all. While we glorify the ennobling, humane ideals of truth, liberty, and fairness, we must not forget that the cruelty of war, the destruction of families and the damnable waste of human lives are merciless teachers of the empty promise of violence to resolve conflict—the falsehood of waging a war to end the evils that cause war.

Great God, let us never forget the misery that war creates. That misery brings us together today to mourn the untimely deaths of our children and neighbors and reminds us of the unfinished business of living to make the world more humane instead of killing to eradicate widespread inhumanity. Let us never glorify war when we march proudly for freedom and justice.

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer God, let this Memorial Day honor the dead by strengthening our will to resolve conflict in new ways of active good will, speaking truth to power as illustrated by courageous others who also gave their lives to your service, among them Jesus, Gandhi, Martin Luther King. So may we enter a new epoch of honoring your presence in our midst and those we commemorate today. Amen.

— Robert Palin



SUSAN McALLESTER



Memorial Day Parade: Shawn Tryon, Wallace Tryon, and Leigh Tryon on Ray Tryon's horse-drawn fire wagon.



THE GNAT AND THE JACK

The Jack-in-the-pulpit, Sorry Plant, or Indian Turnip is a handsome, shade-loving plant blooming in the Berkshire woods now, along with the trilliums and wild lilies of the valley. When I was little the Jack-in-the-pulpit caught my attention more than the other spring wildflowers did, perhaps because of its name, but more likely because it is such an unusual plant.

The "pulpit" of the plant is actually a sort of modified leaf which covers the flowers or inflorescence with a jaunty cloak and cap. This leaf is called the spathe, and it may be solid green, or green with slim white stripes, or even purple or brownish. Whatever its color, the spathe provides a striking, erect, protective case for the "Jack" or spadix inside. The spadix is an upright finger-like base covered with tiny flowers. To see it clearly you have to lift the flap of the spathe, gently.

In the fall, female plants produce bright red fruits which contain fertile seeds. There is a watery sweet flesh around the seeds which may attract birds or other animals to eat the fruit and distribute seeds through the woods. This is a conventional method of dispersal, for a plant, but there is little else about the Jack-in-the-pulpit which can be called conventional.

This species has separate male and female individuals, a fairly common arrangement in both plants and animals. But what makes the Jack-in-the-pulpit especially interesting is the fact that a given individual plant may be male this summer and female next summer; it may switch back and forth repeatedly.

Field botanists have found they can tell a male Jack-in-the-pulpit from a female by size. The males are small and have only one leaf, whereas females are larger and have two leaves. The plant grows up each year from a corm, which is a fleshy root—like a tuber, and a large corm will produce a female plant, a small one a male. The corm, in turn, is fed by the plant, which produces sugar during the summer and stores it as starch in the corm. A rich, healthy summer with plenty of sun and water will enable a plant to build up a big corm. The "decision" is made sometime during the previous season as to whether the plant will become a male or a female this spring.

This system, like a lot of the ones we see in nature (but not all of them), makes good sense. Production of seeds and big fleshy fruits costs the plant quite a lot of its stored energy. Females have to have good reserves in their corms in order to reproduce without taxing themselves dangerously. The same can be said for any species.

Male Jack-in-the-pulpits produce pollen. The male flower cluster on the Jack or spadix of a (small) male plant consists of creamy white or purple anthers. These open and release pollen which falls to the base of the spathe where there is a sort of collection chamber. Once the pollen is released, the male plant has no more reproductive work to do, no more drain upon its small corm and meager energy reserves.

This system of determination of sex based upon reproductive strength or potential is called sequential hermaphroditism and seems so logical that I wonder why it is not more common. The answer, of course, is that even though this is a splendid system, it is not essential to have the best system for doing things, and lots of species grow and reproduce quite successfully using more conventional or sometimes even inefficient methods.



The Jack-in-the-pulpit, despite its marvelous sequential hermaphroditism, has also evolved a most *inefficient* method of pollination involving a little fly called a fungus gnat.

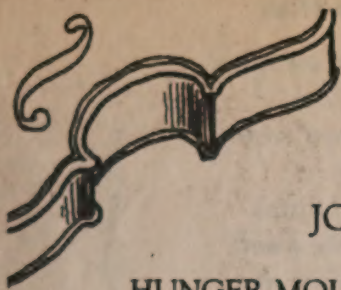
The Jack-in-the-pulpit is attractive to the foolish little gnat, perhaps because it resembles, in color or in odor, the fungus which the fungus gnat usually frequents. Gnats fly in under the hood of the spathe looking for a treat and then fall down the slippery sides to the chamber at the bottom end, which is full of fallen pollen. There is a little escape hole in the male plant's spathe, and eventually the gnats find their way out, only to repeat their mistake in a nearby female plant. But the female spathe has no escape hole.

The pollen-covered fungus gnats which wander into female Jack-in-the-pulpits fall down inside the spathe, thrashing and distributing pollen as they go. But at the bottom they just die and the plant, although it does resemble some insectivorous members of the same order, does not digest the insect.

The strange thing about this interaction between the gnats and the plants is that the pollinating gnats are killed. Natural selection is at work here, selecting *against* the genes which produce gnats that stumble into Jack-in-the-pulpits. This benefits the gnat population, since it discourages kamikaze individuals which are incapable of telling a spadix from a fungus. But you would think it does *not* benefit the plants, which should at least release the helpful gnats so they can produce babies with plant-helping inclinations.

The only way to judge the success of any species' system of doing things is to see whether or not the populations are healthy and stable. Before we technological geniuses become critical of the gnats and the plants for anything which looks to us like inefficiency, we should remember that people (that's us) who live in glass houses ought not to throw stones—we should not knock the gnat in the pulpit; there are worse way to die.

— Bonner J. McAllester



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ARTS COUNCIL NEWS

The Monterey Arts Council through the Massachusetts State Arts Lottery recently funded the following people: Anson Olds, who is producing a record album; Berkshire Public Theatre, general funding; and the Monterey United Church of Christ, for a benefit concert with Robert Palin, pianist; Anna Bourdon, cellist; and Dan Fenstermacher, violinist. In addition, money has been made available to our Town library for the purchase of art books and through the State Arts Council P. A. S. S. program we have funded our kindergarten for a field trip to Pittsfield to see a children's theatre production at The Berkshire Public Theatre.

The Council is undertaking the project of new directories for the town. The directories will be placed in the following locations: the intersection of Routes 23 and 57, the center of town and the Tyringham/Beartown Road junction. There is a one-time fee for those businesses who wish to have their names placed on a directory: \$35 for a single-sided sign and \$50 for a double-sided sign. The directories will be of pressure-treated wood and will be tasteful, representing the quality and beauty of Monterey and will be representative of the "New England" look of our town. To insure that your company is advertised on the signs and to insure that the directories will be in place for the summer season, interested persons should order right away. For further information contact Leonard Weber at 528-1806.

The big news for the Arts Council is our upcoming fourth annual Arts Festival July 17, 18, and 19. The theme this year is Folk Music Celebration, and many local artists will be featured, both at the Art Exhibition and the performances. Friday evening's events will begin with the Gala Opening of the Art Exhibition with entertainment provided by Ed Flower, classical guitarist, and the B. U. Tanglewood Institute Brass Quintet and String Quartet. Michèle Miller will be providing hors d'oeuvres. On Saturday we will begin the festivities at beautiful Rock Ridge Estate at 10:30 a.m. with Anson Olds, folk guitarist; continuing with Rory Block, blues guitarist, music of the British Isles; Bill Crofut, folksinger, balladeer extraordinaire; and our very own Mountain Laurel Band, who will provide us with contra dancing; and of course there will be delicious refreshments by Michèle Miller. All of this will be available for a ticket price of \$10 per person for both days, half price for senior citizens and children under 12. For Friday evening's events only the tickets are \$5 at the door and for Saturday's events only the tickets are \$7.50 at the door. That's an incredible price for such a wonderful event. We hope everyone will plan to attend this event. All art work exhibited will be available for sale, and we encourage local artists to participate. We will be providing further information about the exhibition. The Arts Council will be meeting in June in the basement of the Church (times and dates will be posted), and if you are interested in volunteering your art or your time please attend. This is a big event, and it takes many hands to make it a success.

— Nicky Hearon



As I wandered across the meadow
There came a fragrance rare
(The scent of old fashioned roses)
Drifting to me on the air.
Then, as I ascended the hillside
and neared the crest of the knoll
I saw them blooming before me
At the edge of an old cellar hole.
Stooping I plucked a soft petal
and inhaled its fragrance sweet;
Then I felt a reluctance in leaving
Those beautiful flowers at my feet.
I stood there a moment and pondered —
Perhaps 'twas a century ago
That someone had planted here roses
That still bloom by the old cellar hole.
There in my mind's eye I could see her
In apron starched and prim,
By a rustic gate, planting roses
As the light of the day grew dim.
Then I lingered a while in silence
Hoping somehow she could know
That their unsurpassable fragrance
Still wafts 'round the old cellar hole.

— Eleanor Kimberley

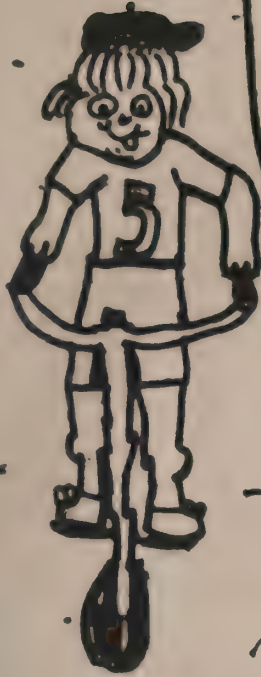


One Day of Sunshine

There was one day of sunshine, free of care,
Within the shady hollows, quiet lay;
Shadows were deep as silence in the grass —
Inexorable time seemed held at bay,
Checked in full flight, bemused he lingered there;
A merry child, clapping her hands with glee,
Sprang from the earth like a just-opened flower;
Tranquil as breath, felicity most rare
Made sweet the endless space of one brief hour;
Fortunate one who in his span may see
Sunlight distilled within the hour glass.

— Dorothy E. Law

By Lucy Ives
A Bike ride



Bumpity bumpity
 bump! goes my
 bike. All I hear
 is the clackity
 clackity of
 my bike.

An Unfamiliar Song

*An unfamiliar song
 Is plummeting
 To the depths of my soul
 And touching chords
 That I have never heard before.
 The tinkling of distant bells,
 The humming of distant drums.*

— Rosemary Branagan

Mother's Day

**Marvelous cook
 Outstanding supporter
 Terrific friend
 Helping to my needs
 Extra caring
 Resolute**

All this & more is what makes a great mother—just like mine!!

— Nina Jaffe

Springtide

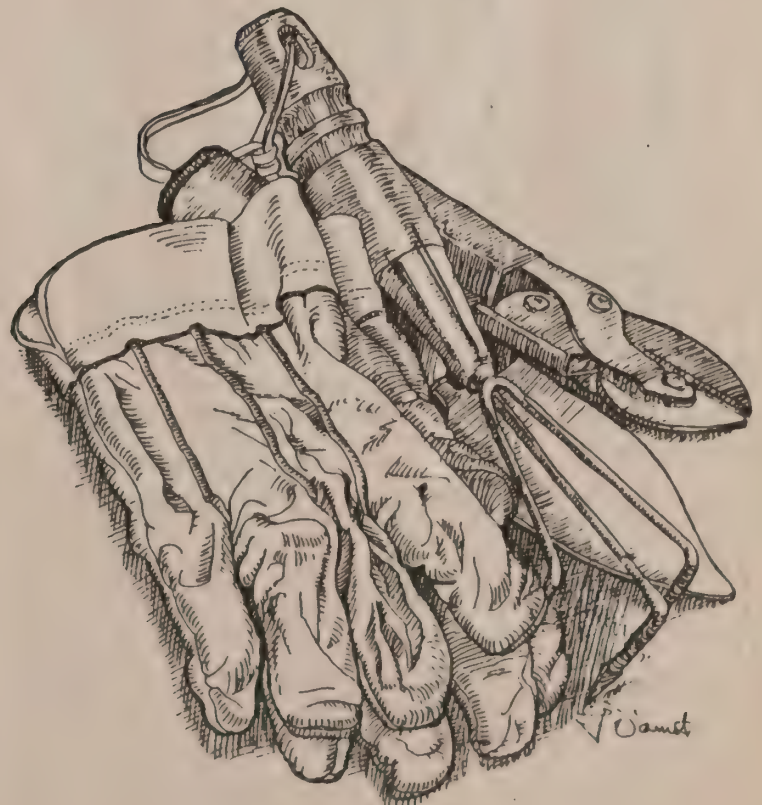
*Now waning winter succumbs to spring
 and muted nature prepares to sing
 the airs of birth,
 the soil's mirth,
 cascading from woodland, water, and wing.*

*Lakes, unfettered from winter's hold,
 fill with rustling freshets cold.
 Showers of May,
 life's final delay,
 awaken buds soon to unfold.*

*The dewy dawn unfurls its glow
 upon a hazy world below.
 Each glade abounds
 with glorious rounds.
 No field the heavens cease to sow.*

*What grace does not the earth possess
 when God unveils his earthen dress?
 How blessed are we
 who everyday see
 the lush attire of wilderness!*

— Tim O'Keefe



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

1919 was the year I first saw Monterey, when I was 12, spending vacations with my sister (5¼) and parents, plus several aunts and uncles at Ledgehurst. We had a number of summers at Ledgehurst thereafter. In later years we stayed at the Sun and ultimately for around 30 years had four acres on the Sandisfield Road. Nowadays I don't get to Monterey so am pleased that the *News* can keep me up to date. I particularly enjoy quotes from Wallace Tryon and nature notes from Helen Shaw.

— Marjorie Fuller

To the Editor:

The "healthiness" of our town can, in some ways, be judged by the airing of our differences on matters of general concern, and the *Monterey News* deserves our appreciation for keeping us informed through letters to the editors and replies. It is good to know that, if residents are concerned about land and environment conservation, overdevelopment of real property, conflicts of interest and public ethics, such can be aired, discussed, and reviewed, from all sides, in the one printed, public medium (the *Monterey News*) for all of us to see. Those of us who cannot attend the Town meetings (for one or another reason) can be kept apprised.

We should be deeply appreciative for the efforts of the editors and the staff of the *News* who labor so hard in our behalf.

— Arthur & Elsa Bronstein

To the Editor:

In your recent solicitation, which is being returned with a check, you asked for some thoughts on the *Monterey News*.

I should like to suggest a more balanced view in the *News* with regard to the views of Bonner McAllester and others holding the same views. For example, several months ago, your headline read that an objection was made at a meeting to the lowering of Lake Garfield. The headline should have read, "Lake Garfield Enjoyed the Best Summer Ever." Your article then had an introductory paragraph which sets forth the views expressed by Ms. McAllester, apparently without any factual support, and then reported that Dean Amidon advised of the success of the water lowering at Lake Garfield, which enabled us to enjoy the best summer in many years. Ms. McAllester's views, if reportable at all, should have been the last paragraph.

— Paul E. Gelbard

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To the Editor:

I was pleased to receive the May issue of the *Monterey News* on May 7. However, I was decidedly displeased to read of the informational meeting *to be held* on April 30 and the Town Meeting *to be held* on May 2 and the suggestion to bring the *Monterey News* to the meeting!

The ballot listing was strictly historical, since the election had occurred before receipt of the *News*. (I know summer people can't vote, but, by virtue of their preponderant tax participation, they are entitled to some input in ballot and budget considerations.)

A few budget items (e.g., Berkshire Mental Health, Construct in Great Barrington, etc.) appear to be more the duty of individual citizens to participate, rather than the obligation of the corporate Town body.

I was shocked to read that the proposed budget approximated \$900,000, up from about \$800,000 (as per Ellen Pearson) — presenting an increase of 12½% at a time when the inflation rate for 1986 was 1.6%! This is an inordinate burden on taxpayers, the majority of whom are summer people. And speaking of that, it was interesting to note the idea of charging each family an equal amount for waste disposal. Surely, you realize that a large number of summer people are here, in Monterey, for maybe ten or twelve weeks and, for many, on weekends only. How unfair to equate amount of garbage produced with year-round residents.

I think the time has come for better communication between town and summer people, so that we may have better relations and good understanding instead of callous calculation and cynicism.

How about asking summer people, as major tax participants, for their budget ideas and suggestions? Please don't make them feel they are obliged to remain quietly at the back of the bus (or the room!).

After writing the above, I came upon Dr. Benjamin Zackim's letter to the Editor. I heartily endorse it.

— William M. Ginsburg

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To the Editor:

Now that the construction season is here again, it seems an appropriate time to give an update on the status of the Jed Lipsky/Gay McLendon Mt. Hunger Road Development Project. Here is a quick chronology to refresh the memory:

November 26, 1985—Sarah and Barclay Hudson sell four parcels totaling 359 acres to Selectman Jed P. Lipsky and Heiress Gay Noe McLendon for \$200,000 (Great Barrington Registry of Deeds—Book 582, Page 226).

February 3, 1986—The Roads and Machinery Committee meets and authorizes "flood repair work" on Mt. Hunger Road.

April, May, June, July 1986—Mt. Hunger Road is reconstructed by both the Town Highway Department and Tryon Construction Company. No homes exist on the rebuilt section. In order to widen the roadbed, hundreds of trees (many over a century old) are marked and felled, then hauled off by a logger. *The roadway is widened to a minimum of 50 feet. This widening extends specifically and only within the boundaries of the Lipsky/McLendon property lines, a distance of 3/4 mile.* Within this stretch are installed numerous hand-set stone culverts. *The balance of road past the Lipsky/McLendon property lines is left at its original 12-foot width and merely graveled and graded.*

July 30, 1986—Though 85% complete, road work abruptly ceases when DEQE informally rules that proper Conservation Commission filings and procedures have not been followed. Town officials claim the only reason for the halt is that the project has run through the year's budgeted money.

That is where the story left off, but now the saga continues, and the cash transactions get interesting:

The Federal tax code changed at midnight, December 31, 1986. On December 30, 1986, Mr. Lipsky sold his entire share the four parcels to Mrs. McLendon for One Dollar (\$1.00) [Deed Book 625, Page 269]. The next transaction recorded that same day shows that Mrs. McLendon then sold one of the parcels back to Mr. Lipsky. It was Parcel #1, the 24-acre piece on the ridge, overlooking Lake Garfield. Mr. Lipsky paid Mrs. McLendon One Dollar (\$1.00) [Deed Book 625, Page 271].

Mr. Lipsky's investment quickly grew in value because just seventeen days later, on January 16, 1987, Mr. Lipsky sold a 2½-acre slice of Parcel #1 for Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to Real Estate Broker Nancy K. Kalodner [Deed Book 628, Page 305]. Ms. Kalodner is a member of the Open Space Committee.

Even now, as this *Monterey News* goes to press, large sections of Mr. Lipsky's remaining 21½ acres along the ridge are being cleared of all trees to make way for a view which is quite scenic.

Yet, questions haunt these transactions.

1. Would the road have been rebuilt if Mr. Lipsky had not been a Selectman?
2. Would the lands belonging to Mr. Lipsky and Mrs. McLendon be as valuable as they are today without the brand-new road?
3. Was it proper to use Town taxpayer money to benefit what is shaping up to be a "Millionaire's Row" private development?

4. In a tightly budgeted, intimate Town like Monterey, have Town officials acted within an acceptable level of integrity and ethical conduct?

— Glenn Heller

To the Editor:

I would like to make a donation or contribution to the *Monterey News* in memory of both Alfred R. Jayson and Nina Tryon.

I am a "lifetime camper" of the Jayson Camps and have many wonderful memories of Monterey. Currently, I weekend in Great Barrington, but I always feel close to the town of Monterey.

Thank you for continued contact with life in Monterey through your articles.

— Roberta Weiss

To the Editor:

Since the time in 1971 when I first lived at the old Hyde Farm on New Marlborough Road, owned by the Scheffeys since before 1940, I have come to know four generations of that warm and lively family. The lady many called Gramma Scheffey died two days ago [May 17].

To me she was friendly and generous in a quiet way, so it was easy to feel close to her. While we younger generations get caught up in our lives and times, she remained a steady presence, easy with the changes that came, not from indifference, but from a certainty about who she was, and a readiness to see clearly the person across from her. She judged kindly, from inner strength; her small frame held a large heart. I will often miss Anna Thun Scheffey, and remember her always.

— Peter Murkett

ANNA THUN SCHEFFEY

On May 17, after a short illness, Anna Thun Scheffey passed away peacefully at her home in Haverford, Pennsylvania. She was 89 years of age.

It was her friendship with Elizabeth and Wilbur Thomas, who at that time owned Ravine Falls Farm, that first brought her to Monterey in 1936. It was love at first sight, and it was not long before she and her husband, Dr. Lewis Scheffey, bought a small piece of land from the Thomases, where the present "cabin" now stands on New Marlborough Road.

The Berkshires, and Monterey in particular, were among the great pleasures of her life, a passion shared by her children and their children. It saddened us all that she was not well enough to attend her grandson's wedding at the Farm on May 9. This was an event she was determined not to miss.

She is the one who found Monterey for the Scheffey family, and it is to her we owe our joy and love of it. For her family, these hills will never be quite the same without her.

GOULD FARM

All of us at Gould Farm—and the members of the Corporation and Board—wish to thank the citizens of Monterey for your extremely generous support for our project to replace the gasoline tanks at Roadside Store. Gifts of over \$12,000 were received for a job that, unfortunately, will cost much more. We are expecting that the new tanks will have been installed and that the Store will be back in business by Tuesday, May 26.

Because of the high risk that old gasoline tanks would develop leaks and that environmental damage would take place, our Board voted last October to get out of the gasoline business. When we found that just removing the old tanks would be a significant expense and when a number of the people of Monterey urged us to remain as the only supplier in town, we decided to install new tanks and to resume business as early as possible. An attempt to do so in February failed because the ground was frozen too deeply. To our great disappointment, we were later to discover soil contamination which demanded a full clean-up project. Thus, the Store has had to be closed for several weeks. Contaminated soil has now been removed to the satisfaction of the State environmental agency, and we are just about ready to move ahead with the new tanks as this is being written.

Your support to keep a supply of gasoline in Monterey is greatly appreciated, and we have always appreciated the support the community has given to the Store. Come in soon to fill up your tank and to have a sandwich and a cup of coffee with us.

— Kent D. Smith
Executive Director

GOULD FARM VOLUNTEERS AID HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Town Highway Department members join with other townspeople in thanking the Gould Farm volunteers for their fine help in sweeping and raking along the roadside on Route 23 where it goes through the village, and for cleaning up several intersections in town in a similar manner. According to Highway Superintendent Don Amstead, the Gould Farm crew did top quality work and greatly assisted the highway men at this busy time of year. Their help is much appreciated, their community spirit is an example for us all.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION NEWS

At a recent meeting the Monterey Conservation Commission elected Conrad Ohman as next chairman and regretfully accepted the resignation of Catherine Mielke, who has given her time generously to the commission and to the chairmanship for 15 years. Ms. Mielke and Mr. Ohman will serve together as co-chairs for the next six months, at which time Ms. Mielke's resignation will go into effect.

With building season upon us once again, the Conservation Commission reminds landowners, builders, contractors, and real estate agents alike that our water is our most precious and endangered resource and we would like to work together with them to protect town wetlands. Names and phone numbers of the Town Conservation Commissioners are available from the Town offices. Any work to be done near or in a wet area, whether it is brook, swamp, lake, or pond, should be checked out with the Conservation Commission first to see whether or not it must be regulated under the state Wetlands Protection Act.

This Act protects our water, our health, the future of our town; we are fortunate to have such an Act here in Massachusetts. The Monterey Conservation Commission holds public meetings in the Town offices the second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

— Bonner J. McAllester



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PARK COMMISSION PATTEN

Don't miss the swim classes at Lake Garfield for Monterey residents. Make plans to be available for them now! Our instructor is again Marie Moulthrop, and her husband will be helping her part time.

Classes scheduled are:

LIFESAVING—July 6-10 and 13-17 from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

THREE & FOUR-YEAR-OLDS—July 20-24 at 9:00 a.m.

ADULTS—July 20-24 at 9:30 a.m.

ELEMENTARY CLASSES—August 3-7 and 10-14

Swimmers—9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Intermediates—9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Advanced Beginners—10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Beginners—10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

These times may be changed slightly to accommodate the class size. Lifesaving Classes may include out of towners depending on the size of the class, with Monterey residents being first choice. Many adults have requested a class—any level is welcome, from beginner to swimmer. The class time may be scheduled to accommodate the majority.

Sign-up permission slips will be available soon. They will be at Walsh's, The Monterey General Store, and Roadside Store. Please fill them out and return them to the General Store.

BEACH PASSES!! will be necessary. The beach is barely large enough for our own town residents, especially on hot weekends. For five years we have had an attendant to check the swimmer's residence, and it has very successfully controlled the crowds. Bob Gauthier will be there again greeting you all as he checks your pass.

Passes are issued at the Town offices. Please sign in the book with both Monterey and home address, if they are not the same. One pass is issued per family.

FEE!! The \$5.00 charge is for your first pass only. It is a one-time charge. If you have paid previously, this card will be free. If you wish to write to request a pass, and enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope and your Monterey and home address, one will be sent to you early.

TOM ROSENTHAL is our new commission member—he is enthusiastic, and we welcome him. We wish Steve Small a relaxing summer, and we shall miss him.

Our meetings are the first Tuesday of the month in the Town offices at 7:00 p.m. You are welcome to come with any Park Commission business.

VOLLEYBALL will be available next to the Grange—it is a great game for groups large or small and any age player. The ball will be right there. Please return it when you are through.

NEEDED!! Lifeguard for the Monterey Town Beach—must have Advanced Life Saving, CPR and First Aid. Also, must be 18 years old or more.

The lake is bursting with water—we see new water toys arriving in the form of more jet skiing—evoking mixed reactions—and sculls and shells and kayaks. Lanny Lanoue is out there most evenings in his one-man scull. You'll also see Ron McMahon in his see-through canoe, getting in shape for racing. Fishermen are pulling out nice trout, and hardy water skiers and swimmers are appearing one by one, braving the still chilly water. The lake is beautiful—enjoy it.

PARKS!! Everyone knows Greene Park, but just as near town is **BIDWELL PARK**, right behind the store, across the bridge and tucked into a bend in the Konkapot. It is quite picturesque and a great spot for picnics. The dam site is another spot for tranquility and beauty. Put your canoe in Brewer Pond and visit the beaver house, maybe see our blue heron or a muskrat. The geese often favor the tall plants for a nest. It is off Beartown Road, just a bit down the road on the right.

TENNIS COURT FOR THE TOWN. We are still talking about a Town tennis court and have had a considerable amount of input concerning same. A number of people have agreed to look into it and any more folks interested should contact us. Interest, location and of course financing are the first steps.

Enjoy the summer sport of your choice. For information, suggestions or complaints, contact Dek (528-3184), Fran (528-1233, or Tom (528-9380).

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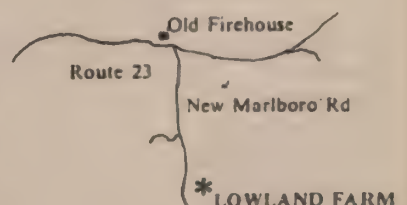
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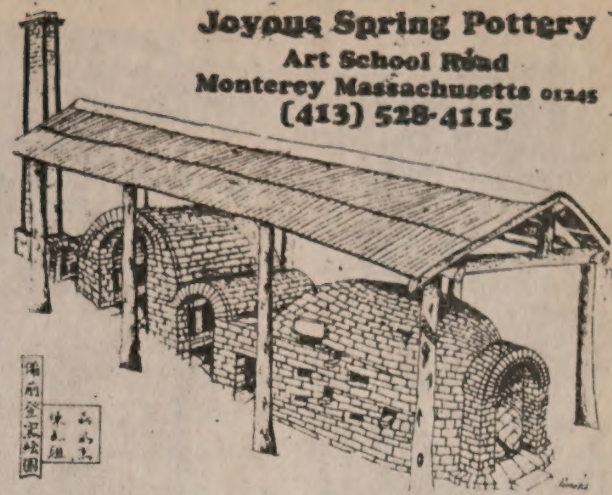
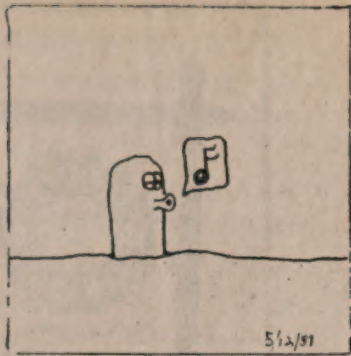
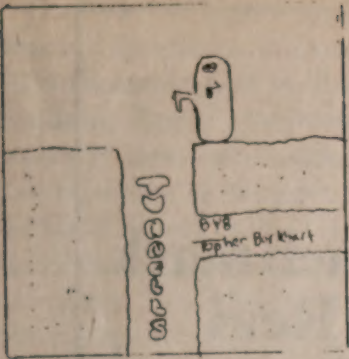
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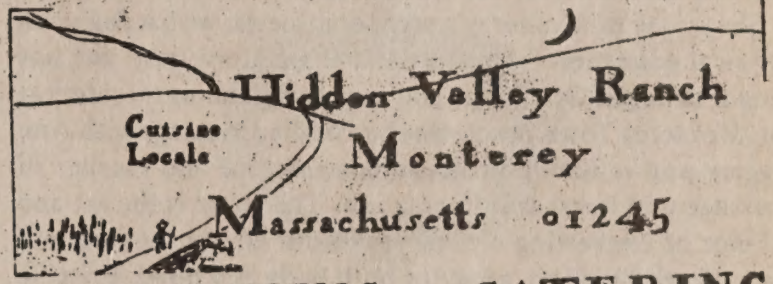
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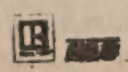
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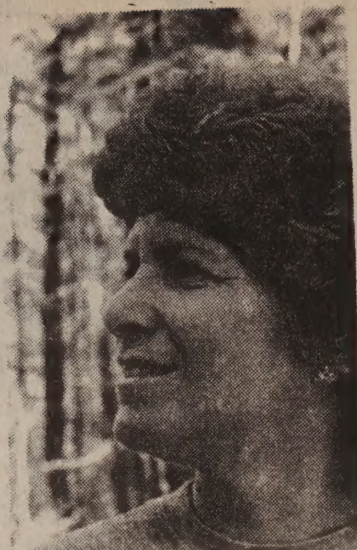
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PRISCILLA GULLIVER

Priscilla Gulliver has been one of the most faithful and versatile laborers in the *Monterey News* vineyard. She was the first circulation manager, beginning some four years ago, working at everything that had to be done, including running the addressograph, sorting, and delivering to the post office. She took over the bookkeeping as well from Nancy Beach in 1984. Priscilla, a whirlwind of helpfulness, came to Monterey from New Rochelle, New York, in 1983 and worked at the Kolburne School in New Marlborough. She has been active in the choir and the meditation group of the Monterey Church since 1983 and has been a trustee of the Church for the last two years.

She is one of Monterey's premier athletes, with a degree in physical education from Cortland State University: she has taught skiing at Otis Ridge and swimming and water safety at the Monterey Town beach. She has studied massage with Ann Eggers and is now a professional masseuse and teacher of massage and stress transformation. The latter is the art and science of converting ordinary stressful efforts into smooth and effective motion, good for both body and mind. Priscilla has done much to relieve the stress of publishing the *Monterey News*. Three successive editors thank her with affection and appreciation. We wish her well in her new job this summer as Director of the Peace Through Culture camp in Egremont.

BARBARA GAUTHIER

Our new Business Manager, Barbara Gauthier, is known to nearly everyone in town for her work on the Monterey Finance Committee and as Treasurer and Auditor of the Town. Her smiling and effective presence in the Monterey Store has added to her fame. She and her husband, Bob, came to the Berkshires from Greenfield, Massachusetts, and they lived at first in Great Barrington when Bob began his work in the school district and his teaching at Mt. Everett School. The Gauthiers have been much appreciated Montereyans since 1967, but their *mise en scène* is not confined to the Berkshires: they are great lovers of the Maine Coast and have recently bought a lot at York Beach only 100 steps from the ocean.

Barbara has already put her expertise to work on our behalf as nearly 200 responses to the *News'* fund appeal have flooded our mailbox in the last few weeks. We are most grateful for her experienced hand at the financial helm.



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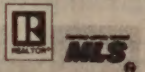
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INVITATION TO BID

The Town of Monterey, Massachusetts, acting through its Board of Selectmen, will receive sealed bids for the sale of the old firehouse located on Route 23 at the intersection of New Marlboro Road, Monterey. The firehouse is an unheated, two-story structure, lacking sewage disposal facilities, and is to be sold in its current condition. An on-site inspection of the building will be held on June 1, 1987, from 5 to 7 p.m. Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Board of Selectmen at the Town Offices on the second floor of the Village School, Main Road, Monterey, Massachusetts 01245, up to and including Monday, June 8, 1987, at 8:00 p.m., at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read. Bid envelopes shall be clearly labeled "Firehouse Bid."

Within ten days of acceptance of a bid, the bidder must give a \$1,000 certified check as a deposit to the Town Treasurer, and the balance will be due and payable within thirty (30) days.

The Town of Monterey, acting through its Board of Selectmen, reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informality in bidding, if, in the opinion of the Board of Selectmen, it is required in the public interest.

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BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING TIMES

The Monterey Board of Assessors' summer meeting hours shall be on the first Wednesday night of the month at 8:00 p.m. at the Town offices.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, June 8—Fiction Writing Workshops for Women. Starting at 1:00 p.m. Monday, there will be three workshops a week for ten weeks. For other meeting times and fees, call Susannah Risley at 637-1748, mornings, or the Women's Services Center in Pittsfield at 499-2425.

—Invitation to bid on sale of old Monterey Firehouse will close at 8:00 p.m. See "Notices" for details.

Saturday, June 13—Square and Contra Dance, New England style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults \$3.50, children \$1.00 to dance until intermission. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7578.

Saturday, June 27—The Lake Garfield Association's first meeting of the summer will be at 10:00 a.m. at the dam on Beartown Road.

—Community Supper, 6:30 p.m. in the Monterey Church Social Room. Bring a potluck supper and see what your neighbors have brought for you: there are always wonderful surprises. Besides the highly enjoyable socializing, there is a monthly entertainment: This month Carol Lewis will tell of her Alice in Wonderland experiences in Moscow and Leningrad. "Everything's the same but different." Slides!

—Square and Contra Dance: see June 13, above, for details. This second dance of the month is for people who have done it before.

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PUPPET WORKSHOP

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MONTEREY GRANGE

Monterey Grange #291 met April 15. The first and second degrees were conferred on two candidates, and Deputy Robert Peck from Pittsfield made his official visitation. Guests were present from Great Barrington, Sheffield, Pittsfield and West Stockbridge. The Monterey Grange hosted Berkshire South Pomona #25 on April 22 and also was invited to Youth Night at Pittsfield Grange on May 1 at 7:30 p.m.

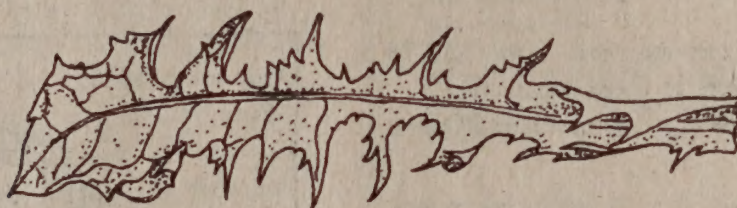
Monterey Grange met May 6 for a regular meeting and variety program. Plans were made for a food sale at the end of May. The Youth will sponsor a fund raiser at Price Chopper on June 8.

Worthy Master Tolitha Butler recently attended Stockbridge Grange and Umpachene Grange, where she took part in the degrees. The Grange was invited to Huntington Grange on May 22 at 7:30 p.m. At the meeting of May 20, Umpachene Grange filled the chair.

At the May 20 meeting, Monterey Grange hosted Umpachene Grange. A variety program was presented by both Granges and enjoyed by all. The Women's Activities Committee and the Youth held a food sale in Great Barrington on May 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Youth Committee will also hold a fund raiser at Price Chopper on June 8.

Worthy Master Tillie Butler recently helped with the degrees at Umpachene Grange. Officers are to be elected at the meeting of June 3.

— Mary Wallace
Lecturer



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